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NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Prices in Chicago were higher on all sizes. Elsewhere, prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was fully steady to occasionally firm pentering the weekend. Demand into all channels was moderate to good. Supplies ranged adequate to instances tight for immediate 🎢 trade needs. Breaking stock demand was moderate to good for short to adequate supplies. Breaking schedules were irregular. Light type fowl were fully sufficient for the fair to moderate demand. Processing schedules were reported as mostly normal for the upcoming

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

MIDWEST REGIONAL EGG Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were higher for large and medium. Other reported prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment was fully steady to at times firm. Retail demand continues moderate to good with scattered retail features still running throughout the Midwest. Institutional movement was usually moderate to at times above seasonal expectations as resort and vacation business continues to increase. Supplies were well balanced to close for all sizes. Central states breaking stock prices ranged higher. Offerings were less than adequate for the mostly good demand. Floor stocks tight to adequate. Schedules varied from plant to plant. Trade sentiment was fully atacky to inctanged firm MOCTLV

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EXTRALARGE	57-64	59-61
LARGE	55-63	57-61
MEDIUM	49-55	52-55
IOWA-MINNESOTA-WISCONSIN	PRICES PAID TO P	RODUCERS

LARGE 44-48 **MEDIUM** 33-35 MIDWEST AREA: IA,IL,IN,KY,MI,MN,OH,NE,ND,SD,WI,WV,Western NY, and Western PA

NORTHEAST REGIONAL EGG Prices were unchanged, however asking prices for next week were trending higher. The market tone was fully steady to instances firm. Demand into all outlets ranged moderate to good. Supplies were adequate to close for current requirements. Breaking stock supplies were adequate to short for the moderate to good demand. Offerings of spent hens were fully adequate,

demand was fair to moderate.	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	62-75	65-68
LARGE	57-72	62-64
MEDIUM	51-66	56-58
NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, M	E, NH, Eastern	NJ, Eastern NY, PA,
RI, Northern VA, and VT		

SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL EGG Prices were unchanged. Trade sentiment fully steady. Retail demand remained fairly good to good with scattered retail features still providing the best interest. Institutional movement mostly moderate to instances good with resort and vacation areas beginning to pull more product. Supplies were usually

adequate to at time in close balance.	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	65.5-74
LARGE	61.5-70
MEDIUM	52.5-60
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SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR,AZ,CO,KS,LA,MO,NM,OK, and TX

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL EGG Prices were unchanged. Asking prices for next week's deliveries were trending higher on all sizes. Trade sentiment was fully steady entering the weekend. Retail demand was moderate to good, best where features were in progress or planned. Supplies ranged adequate to closely balanced for present needs. Breaking stock demand was moderate to good for sufficient to short supplies. Light type fowl was fully adequate for the fair to moderate demand. Processing schedules for the upcoming week were mostly

normal.	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	58-72	67-70
LARGE	55-70	64-68
MEDIUM	51.5-59	53-56
SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC,	SC, Eastern TN	I, and Southern V

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PEF DOZEN.

NEW YORK EGGS Prices were unchanged. The market tone was fully steady entering the weekend. Retail demand was fairly good to good, especially where promotions were in progress or planned for the upcoming week. Supplies ranged about adequate to closed balanced

for needs.	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	76-80
LARGE	74-78
MEDIUM	64-68

CHICAGO EGGS Prices for extra large and large advanced 2 cents. mediums increased 1 cent. The trade sentiment was fully steady to instances firm. Retail and food service demand ranged was moderate to good, best where features are a factor. Offerings were adequate to

at times tight for current needs.	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	67-73
LARGE	65-71
MEDIUM	54-60

WESTERN REGION EGG Prices unchanged. The market tone was firm with asking prices for next week throughout the region 4 cents higher on jumbo, extra large, and large, and 1 cent higher on medium. Retailer demand improved. Offerings held confidently

CALIFORNIA EGGS Prices unchanged. The market tone was firm with asking prices for next week 4 cents higher on jumbo, extra large, and large, 1 cent higher on medium and small. Retailer demand continued to improve, best for increased planned features. Offerings in good balance. Small benchmark price 68. Ads in Southern California: smaller outlets- extra large dozen 79, 20 pack 2 for \$3, large dozen 59-

CALIFORNIA California Egg Marketing Association and other marketers benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect dis-

counts or other contract terms.	RANGE
JUMBO	108
EXTRA LARGE	104
LARGE	97
MEDIUM	88

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS

PER DOZEN.	RANGE
JUMBO	88-98
EXTRA LARGE	86-94
LARGE	84-87
MEDIUM	75-78

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	KANGE
JUMBO	259-339
EXTRA LARGE	249-319
LARGE	209-229
MEDIUM	189-199

CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK All prices ranged higher. Offerings were less than adequate as potential buyers continue to encounter difficulties in acquiring heavy nest runs for full needs. Demand was mostly good with a few breakers slowing production in an attempt to help current breaking stock markets settle. Floor stocks tight to adequate. Schedules varied from plant to plant. Trade sentiment fully steady to instances firm.

PRICES PAID, MATERIAL EXCHANGED, 30 DOZEN CASE EQUIVALENT, 48 LB, MINIMUM NET WEIGHT, DELIVERED TO BREAKERS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	KANGE	WOSILI
NEST RUN	44-46	45-46
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	30-35	
CENTRAL STATES AREA:		

AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

EASTERN REGION BREAKING STOCK Prices were higher when compared to early week's trading. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. However, both buyers and sellers were closely monitoring further market developments. Demand was moderate to good. Supplies were adequate to short for irregular breaking schedules. Cases broken under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending May 24, 2003 was 5% more than the previous week and 3% higher than a year ago.

prices paid, material exchanged, 30 dozen case equivalent, 48 Lb. minimum net weight, delivered to breakers, cents per dozen.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
NEST RUN	38-43	38-41
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	25-35.5	26-31
FASTERN REGION AREA:		

AL,CT,DE,FL,GA,KY,ME,MD,MA,MS,NH,NJ,NY,NC,PA,RI,SC,TN,VT,VA,WV

EGGS PROCESSED UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION -

W/E 24-May-03 (LBS IN THOUSANDS) (EXCLUDES INGREDIENTS)

(LDS I	IN THIOL	JOANL	JO) (ENGL	LUDES IN	GKEDIEN	13)	
	CA	SES	LIQUID	LIQUID	LIQUID	DRIED	INED
	BRO	KEN	WHOLE	WHITE	YOLK		
CW	1,165	,269	29,906	9,832	5,327	2,483	4,147
PW	1,241	,568	30,114	11,857	6,225	2,545	4,178
LY	1,256	,741	29,121	12,422	6,511	3,333	4,599
% CH(G PW	-6	-1	-17	-14	-2	-1
% CH(3 LY	-7	3	-21	-18	-26	-10
2003	23,636	,704	575,508	215,696	118,866	48,239	87,152
2002	24,316	,779	562,717	241,691	129,745	58,403	87,692
% CH(3 YTD	-3	2	-11	-8	-17	-1
				CURR	RENT PR	REVIOUS	LAST
AVFR	AGF YIF	I D PF	R CASE -	W	FFK	WFFK	YFAR

CURRENT	PREVIOUS	LAST
WEEK	WEEK	YEAR
42.23	42.18	41.90
38.67	38.82	38.24
	WEEK 42.23	WEEK WEEK 42.23 42.18

NATIONAL LIQUID Pasteurized salt yolk reported from 52 to 62 cents fob, mostly 52 to 54 fob, with no pasteurized whites reported. Trade sentiment continued firm for whole egg, generally steady for whites, and fully steady to instances firm for yolk. Offerings were tight to just adequate for whole egg, generally available for whites, and adequate to instances tight for yolk. Demand was good to very good for whole egg and yolk and fairly good for whites. Most potential sellers of liquid whole egg and yolk were asking higher prices for next week's deliveries. Breaking stock values were higher when compared to last week's reported prices. Prices paid cents per lb., FOB Plant to 10:00AM Friday 30 May, 2003 non-pasteurized trucklot. For delivery within 14 days.

			(CHANGE FROM
CLASS	LOADS	RANGE	WTD. AVG.	LAST WEEK
WHOLE	14	37-41.5	39.14	2.58
WHITES	15	28-33.25	29.33	.45
YOLKS	14	50-54	51.50	.75

EASTERN REGION FROZEN Mostly prices were higher on whole and sugar yolks, unchanged to higher on salt yolk, and unchanged on whites when compared to previous week's trading. Trade sentiment was steady on whites, steady to fully steady on yolks, and fully steady to firm on whole. Demand was moderate. Offerings were balanced to adequate on whites, usually sufficient on yolks and held with increasing confidence on whole. Liquid and frozen eggs (ingredients included) processed under federal inspection in the Eastern region for the week ending 24 May 2003 were 4% higher than the previous week and 8% higher than a year ago.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES	(CENTS PER LB IN 30 LB CONTAINERS)	LIL
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	TRUCKLOTS	(MIN	l. 25 CONT.)
	RANGE	MOSTLY	RANGE
WHOLE	45-54	48-50	57-61
BLENDS (/)	TFEWR		65-85
WHITES	37-44	38-42	45-50
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% S	OLIDS) 64-70	66-70	73-85
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOI	LIDS) 60-66	63-65	69-90
(/) - WHOLE PLUS YOLK PLUS SWEETENER	R, GENERALLY 28-	32% EGG SOLI	DS.

<u>CENTRAL REGION FROZEN</u> All frozen prices ranged higher with the exception of whites which were unchanged when compared to last week's reported prices. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm for whole egg and sugar and salt yolk and steady to fully steady for whites. Asking prices were higher to sharply higher for all products except whites. Offerings were adequate to about adequate with salted yolk in the closest position. Demand was fairly good to good for whole egg and frozen yolk products with whites fair to fairly good. Breaking stock prices were higher when compared to last week's reported prices.

WHOLESALE SELLING PRICES (CENTS PER POUND IN 30 LB CONTAINERS)

	TF	RUCKLOTS
	RANGE	MOSTLY
WHOLE	49-51	
WHITES	39-44	41-42
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	68-71	68-70
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	63-67	64-66

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA FROZEN Prices 2 cents higher on whole, unchanged on whites, 1 cent higher on sugar yolks, and 2 cents higher on salt yolks. Southern California breaking activity for the week ending 5/24 was 10% less than the previous week. Frozen demand just fair with freezer stocks adequate.

wholesale selling prices, fob shipping point (cents per pound in $30\ \text{LB}$ containers) LTL (MIN. 25 CONT.)

	RANGE
WHOLE	55-58
WHITES	45-48
SUGARED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	73-76
SALTED YOLKS (MIN 43% SOLIDS)	70-73

NATIONAL DRIED EGG REPORT Mostly prices were unchanged on blends and higher on the balance when compared to last week's trading. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm on albumen, steady to fully steady on whole and generally steady on yolks. Supplies were tight and held with confidence on white, about adequate to adequate on whole, and usually adequate on yolks. Demand was moderate. Dried eggs processed under federal inspection for the week ending 24 May 2003 were 2% less than the previous week and 26% less than the same week last year. The total current year to date dried egg produced were 17% less than a year ago.

wholesale selling prices, dollars per LB, in cont., trucklot & less-than-trucklot volumes.

WHOLE	1.65-2.10	MOSTLY 1.78-1.95
YOLKS	1.55-1.90	MOSTLY 1.55-1.65
ALBUMEN, SPRAY, DRIED	2.90-3.40	MOSTLY 3.04-3.17
BLENDS (WILDLE DI LIS SWEETENED)	1 20 1 55	MOSTI V 1 25 1 40

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TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES WEEKLY WTD AVG PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR MAY 23, 2003-MAY 29, 2003

CURRENT LOADS 88 75 FUTURE LOADS 58 50 TOTAL LOADS 147 25

	C	OKKEN	LOADS	00.73	,	FUIC	INE LUADS	36.30		IOIALL	UADS	147.23			
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CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	47.40	50.06	50.50	52.38	47.50	_	24.00	GNR W 1	_	_	_	_	_	57.00	2.00
GNR W 2	_	_		_	_	_	1.00	GNR BR 1	66.00	_	_		_	74.00	1.00
GL W J	_	_	_	_	52.00	_	2.00	GL W J	59.00	_	_	_	_	66.10	3.00
GL W XL	_	61.43	57.71	59.91	55.36	59.00	40.50	GL W XL	55.29	62.00	_	_	_	63.15	20.50
GL W LG	_	62.39	58.33	59.33	53.07	51.00	37.00	GL W LG	55.88	60.42	_	_	_	62.62	31.25
GL W MD	_	44.00	48.50	49.75	52.22	50.50	8.25	GL W MD	43.80	47.00	43.00		44.00	48.86	8.25
GL W SM	28.50	30.50	30.50	31.83	_	_	4.00	GL W SM	_	_	_	_	33.00	34.00	1.00
NRBS - 50	_	_		41.00	_	_	2.00	NRBS - 48	41.50	_	_		_	_	8.00
NRBS - 48	_	_	_	39.50	44.35	44.44	47.00								
NRBS - 42	_	_	19.00	21.00	_	_	1.00								
NRBS - 39	_	_	17.00	19.00	35.00	33.71	2.25								

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT-MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED. LOAD MOVEMENT REPRESENTS TOTAL MOVEMENT WITHIN 6 REGIONS.

LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL
WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS
(INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER
CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN REGION Removal values were unchanged to slightly higher when compared to a week earlier. Offerings of spent hens were fully adequate for current trade needs. Demand was fair to moderate. Processing schedules were reported as mostly normal. Opinions on removal cost were generally steady.

REMOVAL COST RANGE MAJORITY 8-9

<u>SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN</u> Costs for disposal of leghorn fowl continue to increase slightly when compared to the past week. Offerings are fully adequate. Schedules are adjusted for finished sale requirements. Trade sentiment was mixed.

RANGE MAJORITY

AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING TOO FEW TO REPORT

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HEN Values were unchanged to higher. Offerings were mostly ample. Demand was mostly light to instances moderate. Opinions of value were about steady.

RANGE MAJORITY

REMOVAL COST 0-10.25 10-10.25

<u>WEST COAST LIGHT LIVE HEN</u> Plants worked lighter holiday week schedules. Offerings adequate.

<u>SHELL EGGS-COMBINED REGIONAL</u> FOR W/E 30-May-03 AVERAGE PRICES ON SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, GRADE A LARGE OR BETTER, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

OLIVIOTER DOZEN.			
REGIONS	EX LARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM
NORTHEAST	66.50	63.00	57.00
SOUTHEAST	68.50	66.00	54.50
MIDWEST	66.50	63.00	57.00
SOUTH CENTRAL	69.75	65.75	56.25
COMBINED REGIONAL	67.91	64.50	56.20
COMPUTED FROM SIMPL	LE WEEKLY A	VERAGES V	VEIGHTED BY
REGIONAL AREA POPULA	ATIONS		

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Majority prices were generally unchanged on both heavy and light canners when compared to a week earlier. Demand was light to fair. Trading was limited on heavy canners. Offerings were in close balance. The undertone was at least steady on both light and heavy canners.

CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, WITHOUT FREIGHT COST

LIGHT CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)
(WITHOUT NECKS)
21-25 MAJORITY 23-23.5
CENTS PER POUND, CURRENT NEGOTIATIONS, FREIGHT COST INCLUDED LIGHT CANNER HENS
(LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS)
43-26.5 MAJORITY 25-25.5
(WITHOUT NECKS)
32.5-37 MAJORITY 34-34.5

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER INSPECTION W/E 24-May-03 (PRELIMINARY)

U.S. FO	NL SLAUGHTE	RED DOMESTICAL	_LY
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
-		THOUSANDS	
HEAD	1,624	1,463	3,087
LAST WEEK	1,493	1,313	2,806
SAME WEEK YR AGO	1,809	1,422	3,231
TO-DATE/2003	35,319	27,836	63,155
TO-DATE/2002	38,696	27,658	66,354
	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
	THO	USANDS	_
HEAD	58	0	58
LAST WEEK	211	0	211
SAME WEEK YR AGO	140	3	143
TO-DATE/2003	5,475	68	5,543
TO-DATE/2002	6,697	31	6,728
SOURCE: AGRICUIT		DI TRY DEVELO	DMENT DIV

SOURCE: AGRICULTURE CANADA, PLTRY DEVELOPMENT DIV.
TOTAL U.S. FOWL SLAUGHTERED IN THE U.S. AND CANADA

	LIGHT HENS	HEAVY HENS	TOTAL HENS
HEAD	1,682	1,463	3,145
LAST WEEK	1,704	1,313	3,017
SAME WEEK YR AGO	D 1,949	1,425	3,374
TO-DATE/2003	40,794	27,904	68,698
TO-DATE/2002	45.393	27.689	73.082

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Inspected Egg Products-U.S. & Canada Export/Import Trade				
U.S. Exports to Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)				
Week Ending May 17, 2003 Year-To-Date				
	2003	2002/1	2003	2002
Liquid	512	349	5,215	7,475
Frozen	0	0	63	0
Dried	0	41	176	179
Total	512	390	5,454	7,654
U.S. Imports From Canada, in Pounds (000) (Preliminary)				
Week Ending May 17, 2003 Year-To-Date				
	2003	2002/1	2003	2002
Liquid	66	81	2,183	2,634
Frozen	53	55	1,482	1,479
Dried	40	40	480	2,012
Total	159	176	4,145	6,125
Inspected Shell Eggs				
U.S Exports To Canada, In 30-Dozen Cases (Preliminary)				

Week Ending May 17, 2003 Year-To-Date
2003 2002 /1 2003 2

2002 Jumbo 0 17 166 1,084 Extra Large 810 1,585 5,110 6,112 Large 2.783 5,057 23,751 42,669 Medium 890 1,140 24,978 19,918 Ungraded 2,340 11,760 20,046 103,715 3,072 Misc 0 12,094 0 Total 6,823 19,559 77,123 185,592

/1 Comparable Week, to-date figures may not total due to rounding. Source: USDA/AMS Poultry Programs, Market News Branch in cooperation with Agriculture Canada, Poultry Development Division.

<u>WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS -</u> (INCL GOVT STOCKS) SELECTED STGE CENTERS (IN THOUSANDS)

		FREGS	TURKS	POP
		LBS	LBS	LBS
AM	05/26/03	2,688	218,471	43,620
AM	05/01/03	2,696	190,005	62,870
CHG		-8	28466	-19250
PCT C	HG	0%	15%	-31%

MOVEMENT OF EGGS INTO RETAIL CHANNELS W/E 24-May-2003				
SELECTED	CW	PW	PCT (CHG
CONSUMING CENTERS	THC	DUSANDS	PW	LY
ATLANTA	20.8	21.1	-1	9
BOSTON	3.0	3.8	-21	-14
CHICAGO	59.9	64.8	-8	48
DETROIT	31.2	24.5	27	17
KANSAS CITY	2.7	8.0	-66	-33
LOSANGELES	86.2	83.2	4	-4
NEW ORLEANS	11.3	11.8	-4	-12
NEW YORK	34.4	30.1	14	2
ST. LOUIS	20.3	18.5	10	44
SAN FRANCISCO	23.4	21.2	10	1
TOTAL	293.2	287.0	2	10
4 WK MVG AVG	283.2			

COMMERCIAL EGG MOVEMENT REPORT W/E 24-May-03 (RECEIPTS FROM PRODUCERS)

	CASES	PERCENT CHANG	PERCENT CHANGE FROM	
REGIONS	(IN THOUS)	PW	LY	
N. ATLANTIC	206.1	-1	-8	
E.N. CENTRAL	540.1	-3	16	
W.N. CENTRAL	288.9	-7	15	
S. ATLANTIC	171.5	2	15	
S. CENTRAL	92.5	-1	16	
WEST	191.2	4	5	
TOTAL	1490.3	-2	10	
MATCHED PLAN	TS REPORTING	86	86	

NEW ENGLAND WEEKLY SHELL EGG REPORT 27-May-2003
PRICES PAID PER DOZEN GRADE A BROWN EGGS IN CARTONS DELIVERED STORE DOOR.

MAINE Mostly	EXTRA LARGE 119 -	LARGE 112	MEDIUM 85	SMALL 53
NEW HAMPSHIR	RE 111-115	104-108	78-82	46-50
MOSTLY	113-114	106-107	80-81	48-49
RHODE ISLAND	118-122	111-115	84-88	52-56
MOSTLY	118	111	84	52
VERMONT	120-122	115	85-88	-
MOSTLY	122	-	88	

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